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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is the life blood of innovation. It is competitive pressure that brings out the best in us. This is why Im so thankful that in San Francisco I am able to choose a fiber optic internet connection that is symmetric gigabit. Sonic, a little known internet provider, is stringing fiber optic cables throughout every neighborhood in large part thanks to their early access in the 90s to provide DSL when the internet was still young on the back of unbundled AT&T copper. Dont let a monopoly develop on that last mile copper. That would grant an enormous death blow to the free market and competition. Stand for and promote competition and innovation!

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